



NEWS RELEASE
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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the Lincoln/Lancaster County Narcotics Task Force announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

On December 21, 2009, an Indictment was unsealed charging a Lincoln man with conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine in the Lincoln area over approximately a 14-month time period.

Name of Defendant: Antonio Amilcar Velasquez

AKA: Antonio Velasquez Mazariegos

Age: 43

City of residence: Lincoln

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Conspiracy to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846. The possible penalty is not less than 10 years nor more than life imprisonment and a fine of up to \$4,000,000. Following any term of imprisonment, there would be a term of supervised release of not less than five years. There is also a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Lincoln

Location of Arrest: Lincoln

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: 500 grams (approximately 18 ounces) or more of methamphetamine.

Others Charged in Same Scheme: None

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: Between on or about June 1, 2008, and on or about July 31, 2009

Federal Arrest Date: December 18, 2009

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: December 16, 2009

Initial Appearance Date: December 21, 2009

Plea or Trial and Date(s): Trial set to begin on February 22, 2010

Sentencing Date:

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: Detention hearing set for December 23, 2009

Assigned Magistrate Judge:

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: held without bond

In Continuous Custody Since: December 18, 2009

Assigned District Court Judge: The Honorable Richard G. Kopf

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